

19 March 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Proposed Consolidation of Administration--SO/PC

REFERENCE : Memo to DD/P from ADSO, subj: Integration of OSO and OPC, dated 15 March 1951

1. Deputy Director (Administration) makes no comment on the policy of consolidating field operations of OSO and OPC beyond pointing out that such consolidation in the field would probably raise very serious administrative questions which this paper does not cover.

2. Concur that Administration of Policy Coordination and Special Operations at headquarters should be consolidated.

25X1 3. The administrative organization now in effect was decided upon by the Director of Central Intelligence 15 November 1950, and confirmed by the issuance of Regulation ☐ dated 19 January 1951. We have no evidence that would indicate that this organization is unsound or incapable of rendering adequate support to all the Offices of the Agency.

4. It has previously been recommended to PC and SO that the internal administration of each Office be designed to parallel the administrative organization of the Agency; that a strong administrative officer be placed at the head of Office Administration; that insofar as is necessary he have a competent staff to deal with internal personnel, budget, logistics, and other administrative services; and that these divisions be in direct contact with the Agency administrative officers charged with similar duties. Whether this administrative officer reports directly to the Deputy Director (Plans) and services all covert Offices, or whether each covert Office has an administrative staff seems relatively immaterial.

5. All matters of administration that affect the Agency or are not purely internal problems of the Office concerned will continue to be the function of the Agency administrative staff until Regulation 70 is changed by the Director. The organization of administration and the support staffs in the various Offices should, therefore, be based on Regulation ☐.

25X1 6. The Director of Training is in charge of all Agency training programs. A separate suggestion has been made for the formation of a Training Advisory Board, reporting directly to the Director of Central Intelligence, in order to assure the covert Offices of an adequate voice in training policies and program.

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made to the Director that all communications be consolidated under an Assistant Director for Communications. At this time there is no objection to the proposal that the new Assistant Director be under the operational control of the Deputy Director (Plans), although the point is here made that this is more properly an administrative function in support of operating Offices rather than a strictly operating function.

8. Your attention is directed to paragraphs 2.c.(1) and (2) of Enclosure #1 accompanying the above reference. It is suggested that the attitude reflected in these comments be given your consideration, particularly with a view to determining whether or not this Agency can function at all if this attitude is allowed to persist.

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Encl. See Ref.

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